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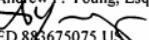
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the information identified in the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the related art references are enclosed. It is requested that the information and art be made of record and included on the 'references cited' portion of any patent issuing from this application.

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The concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language references is found in the translations of the abstracts of each of the Japanese language reference abstracts and search report. See MPEP §609 A(3).

Applicants respectfully request that the examiner consider the enclosed reference materials in the examination of this application.

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It is therefore believed that the Examiner will concur with applicant's belief that the subject matter presently claimed is neither anticipated nor rendered obvious by such references.

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